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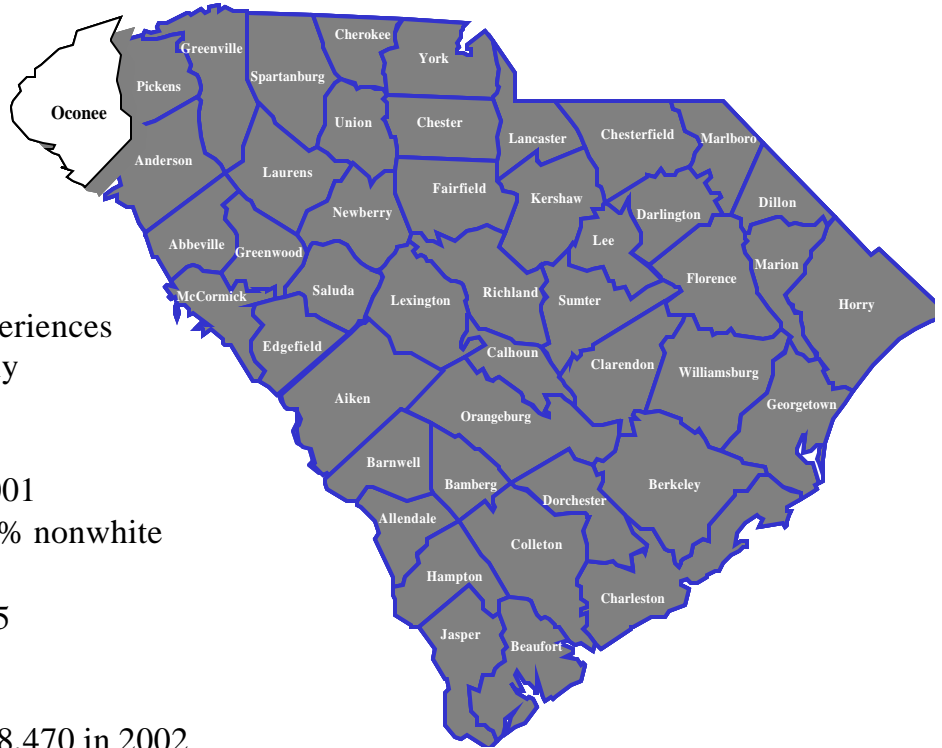
## Spotlight on Oconee County

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# Spotlight on Oconee County...

## Location & Climate

- Divided by the Northwestern and Mountain regions of the state
- Surrounded by Anderson and Pickens Counties, and adjacent to North Carolina and Georgia
- This climatic region has an average temperature of 59.4 degrees and experiences 60.79 inches of precipitation annually



## Population

- Equaled approximately 67,407 in 2001
- Comprised of 89.1% white and 10.9% nonwhite
- Median age was 39.5 years old
- Estimated to grow to 71,300 by 2005

## Labor Force

- Decreased from 28,590 in 2001 to 28,470 in 2002
- Unemployment rate rose from 6.2% in 2001 to 7.6% in 2002

## Employment

- Average monthly employment for the County was 26,300 in 2002

## Per Capita Income

- Per capita income for the County was \$26,169 in 2001
- It was 105% of the state's PCI of \$24,840

## Unemployment Insurance Benefits

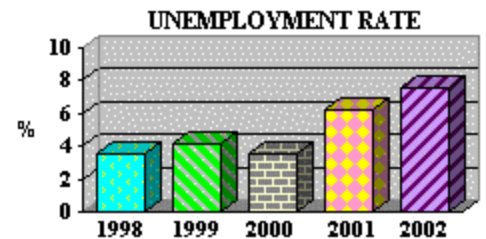
The Seneca Workforce Center, which serves Oconee County, paid \$10,347,531 in regular U.I. benefits during calendar year 2002.

## Seneca Workforce Center

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